(c) Yes ; average auction sale rates for 3 previous auctions or tariff rate whichever is higher for buildings. For agricultural implements a very low rate is under contemplation.

Motor Tyre Factory.

42. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state when the motor tyre factory proposed to be started in the State is expected to commence operation ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : When the requisite machinery becomes available.

Scheme to protect cocoanut industry.

43. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme to protect cocoanut industry of the State from outside competition ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : The question is one of all-India interest and whenever occasions arose, this Government have urged the need for protecting the cocoanut industry against outside competition. The question is also now under the consideration of the Indian Central Cocoanut Committee on which this Government are represented.

Travancore labour in Ceylon.

44. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of labourers from Travancore skilled and unskilled, who are now employed in Ceylon ; and

(b) the number of Travancore labourers who have been discharged or repatriated from Ceylon from the beginning of 1945 to date ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : *(a)* and *(b)* No information is available.

Training in Fisheries.

45. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased :

(a) to lay on the table a list of the candidates selected for training in Fisheries ; and

(b) to state the amount of stipend and allowances they are to receive while under training ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : *(a)* There has been no selection of candidates for training in Fisheries.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to *(a)*.

India Government Fishery Training centre at Madras.

46. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(a) whether it has come to their notice that the Government of India is starting a Fishery Training Centre at Madras; and

(b) whether they propose to send candidates from Travancore for training at that centre?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* Yes.

(b) No.

Fisheries.

47. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(a) their aim in having constituted Fisheries into an independent department;

(b) whether they intend to conduct any survey of the State's Fisheries;

(c) whether they have granted permission for the flotation of any Company for operating in Fisheries in the State and in Coastal waters; and

(d) if the answer to *(c)* is in the affirmative, the interests and powers they will have in the concern?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* To separate the administrative side of the Fisheries Department from research work which is a normal and legitimate function of the University.

(b) Yes.

(c) Permission has been granted to two companies *viz.*, The West Coast Fisheries (Travancore) Ltd. and the Malayalam Fisheries. The main object of these companies is to carry on deep sea fishing.

(d) Government have no financial interest in the Malayalam Fisheries. They have agreed to contribute 20 per cent. of the share capital of the West Coast Fisheries Ltd. They have two Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company. In respect of both companies they have all the powers available to them under the Travancore Companies Act.

Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

48. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the majority of the officers of the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., who are drawing Rs. 100 and above as salary are non-Travancorean Brahmins?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Government have no information.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether Government will make enquiries and find out the information asked for?

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